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REPLY TO QUESTIONS REFTEL FOLLOW:

A. THE PRODUCTION COST FOR RAW SUGAR EX-MILL IN
TAIWAN DURING 74/75 CROP YEAR IS EQUIVALENT TO US CENTS 8.93
PER POUND.

B. THE CURRENT RETAIL PRICE FOR WHITE SUGAR
IN TAIWAN IS EQUIVALENT TO US CENTS 20.33 PER POUND.

C. THE AVERAGE UNIT VALUE FOR TAIWAN (RAW AND WHITE)
SUGAR EXPORTS IN 1974 WAS US CENTS 25.92 PER POUND FOB TAIWAN
PORTS.

D. PROJECTED RAW SUGAR PRODUCTION BY YEAR BETWEEN
1975 AND 1980 IS AS FOLLOWS (IN MTRV):

75/76 76/77 77/78 78/79 79/80

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900,000 900,000 920,000 920,000 920,000

E. PROJECTED SUGAR EXPORTS BY YEAR BETWEEN 1975
AND 1980 IS AS FOLLOWS (IN MTRV):

75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80
568,000	558,000	567,000	556,000	540,000

F. NO APPRECIABLE EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION CAPACITY
IS PLANNED OR UNDERWAY BETWEEN NOW AND 1980. HOWEVER,
BESIDES THE EXPANSION OF GRINDING CAPACITY OF 3,000 T/
PER DAY FOR SEVEN MILLS, SOME IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE
IN THE REPLACEMENT OF STEAM ENGINES BY STEAM MILL
TURBINES; EVAPORATORS, VACUUM PANS, HEATERS, FILTERS,
ETC. WILL BE MODERNIZED; AUTOMATIC CONTROL INSTRUMENTS
WILL BE INSTALLED.

G. THE GROWTH RATE OF DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IS
ESTIMATED AT AROUND FOUR TO FIVE PERCENT PER ANNUM.

H. TAIWAN SUGAR CORPORATION HAS ENTERED INTO LONG
TERM SUPPLY AGREEMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. KOREAN SUGAR REFINERS FOR SUPPLY OF 200,000/
250,000 MT RAW SUGAR ANNUALLY. THE PRICE IS LINKED
TO LONDON DAILY RAW SUGAR PRICE.

2. JAPANESE SUGAR REFINERS/IMPORTERS FOR
SUPPLY OF 150,000/280,000 MT OF RAW SUGAR. THE PRICING
TERMS LIKE THOSE FOR KOREA ARE LINKED TO LONDON DAILY
PRICE.

3. U.S. SUGAR REFINERS FOR SUPPLY OF 75,000/
82,000 MT RAW SUGAR WITH PRICE BASED ON NEW YORK NO. 10
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